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Today's Topics:

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    Hiram Maxim's Flying Machine  
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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 9 Sep 1994 13:22:04 -0400  
From: noc.near.net!shore.shore.net!shore.shore.net!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Boatanchors list - anybody know what the status is???  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Does anyone know what the current status of the Boat-anchors mailing list  
is? I sent a subscription request about two months ago and have seen  
nothing since. I read a post somewhere that there was a problem with the  
list owner and the poster advised against sending in any more  
subscription requests until things were normalized. Can anyone out there  
tell me what's happening?

73,

Michael Crestohl KH6KD/W1  
mc@shore.net

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Date: 9 Sep 1994 20:24:09 GMT  
From: cs.utexas.edu!news.tamu.edu!furuta@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Callsign Servers  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <Charles.R.Hohenstein.1-070994203512@mac16.debartolo.lab.nd.edu>, Charles R. Hohenstein <Charles.R.Hohenstein.1@nd.edu> wrote:

>Will there be an update to the callsign servers anytime soon, or are they  
>only updated on a yearly basis? I believe, for example, that the last  
>update to callsign.cs.buffalo.edu 2000 occurred in January. I'm not  
>bitching, mind you--I simply wondered when to expect new info.  
>  
>Charles  
>N9SQE

I believe that the callsign server is updated when someone donates a copy of the database to the maintainer. I recall that the January update took place when someone donated a copy of the QRZ! CD-ROM to the maintainer (in fact the information message says it was N9DK). I imagine the next update will occur when someone donates the Summer QRZ! CD-ROM. There's not a large, well-funded bureaucracy behind these things---just the generosity of volunteers.

--Rick  
KE3IV

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Date: 9 Sep 1994 17:02:19 GMT  
From: iphase.com!wes@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: Hiram Maxim's Flying Machine  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I thought the inventor of the machine gun was Hiram Percy Maxim's uncle not his father.

Wes

WA5TKU

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Date: Fri, 09 Sep 94 14:57:33 PDT  
From: psinntp!interramp.com!usenet@uunet.uu.net  
Subject: NYS Ham License Plates  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <34km0s\$4v5@apakabar.cc.columbia.edu>, <alan@watsun.cc.columbia.edu> writes:

> I just got a nice letter yesterday from the NYS Custom Plates office.  
> They apologized for the delays which were due to heavy demand and some  
> problems with manufacturing the newly designed plates and assured me  
> that my plates would be shipped out by September 16th. They had cashed  
> the check around August 14th.  
>  
> 73 de Alan N2YGK

I got the letter from NYS Custom plates too, indicating a target date of Sept. 30th. Funny though, as I did not order the new plates (but I did get an invitation from them to do so earlier).

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Date: 10 Sep 94 02:28:09 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: SAREX Info Sheet  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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SAREX Info Sheet

STS-64 Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment (SAREX)  
Information Sheet

Mission: STS-64 Space Shuttle Discovery  
Lidar In-Space Technology Experiment (LITE-1)  
SPARTAN-201  
Robot Operated Materials Processing System (ROMPS)

Launch: September 9, 1994, 22:22 UTC

Orbit: 57 degree inclination

Mission Length: 9 days (Nominal)

Amateur  
Radio

Operators: Dick Richards, KB5SIW, Commander, Blaine Hammond, KC5HBS,  
Pilot, and Jerry Linenger, KC5HBR, Mission Specialist

Modes: FM Voice

Prime callsign: KB5SIW

Packet Radio

Callsign: W5RRR-1

Frequencies: All operations in split mode. Do not transmit on the downlink frequency.

Voice Freqs: Downlink: 145.55 MHz (Worldwide)

Uplinks: 144.91, 144.93, 144.95, 144.97, 144.99 MHz  
(Except Europe)

144.70, 144.75, 144.80 MHz (Europe only)

Note: the crew will not favor any specific uplink frequency, so your ability to work the crew will

be the "luck of the draw"

Packet Freqs: Downlink: 145.55 MHz

Uplink: 144.49 MHz

Info: Goddard Amateur Radio Club, WA3NAN, Greenbelt Maryland,  
SAREX Bulletins and Shuttle Retransmissions  
3860 KHz, 7185 KHz, 14,295 KHz, 21,395 KHz, 28,650 KHz  
and 147.45 MHz (FM)

ARRL Amateur Radio Station, W1AW, Newington, CT  
SAREX News Bulletins  
3990, 7290, 14,290, 18,160, 21,390, and 28,590 KHz  
and 147.555 MHz (FM)

Also, bulletins available on internet, via AMSAT ANS,

Compuserve, and your local PBSS.

School Group Participation: 10 school groups will participate

in SAREX with pre-scheduled direct  
and telebridge contacts. These include  
nine in the U.S., and one in New Zealand.

QSLs: ARRL Headquarters

SAREX QSL (please indicate flight #, STS-XX)

225 Main Street

Newington, CT 06111

This address must be used for all future missions.

In order for the managing process to run smoothly, please include the following information in your QSL or report: Shuttle flight number (STS-XX), date, time in UTC, frequency and mode (FM voice, packet, sstv or fv). This documents the contact or listener report. In addition, you must also include an SASE using a large, business-sized envelope you wish to receive a card. No cards are distributed without the proper post affixed or sufficient IRCs included.

The following clubs have graciously volunteered their service for handling QSL cards for the following missions:

STS-58      Connecticut DX Association  
STS-60      Cowley County Amateur Radio Club, Kansas  
STS-59      Orange Park Amateur Radio Club, Florida  
STS-64      Nashua Area Radio Club, New Hampshire

Information provided by Frank H. Bauer, KA3HDO and Robert Inderbitzen, NQ1R for the SAREX Working Group

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Date: 9 Sep 1994 17:04:10 GMT  
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!cs.utexas.edu!convex!news.duke.edu!eff!blanket.mitre.org!  
linus.mitre.org!newsflash.mitre.org!m14494-mac.mitre.org!user@network.ucsd.edu  
Subject: When was or is Gathersburg Hamfest?  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <RICHARD\_BOLT-090994100519@bolt.gsfc.nasa.gov>,  
RICHARD\_BOLT@CCMAIL.GSFC.NASA.GOV (Lightning Bolt) wrote:

> Was away on vacation, might have missed it? Dick W1DGA

This Sunday, 11 September.

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mwhite@mitre.org

My opinions are my own, not my employer's.

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Date: Fri, 9 Sep 1994 16:27:20 GMT  
From: psinntp!arrl.org!ehare@uunet.uu.net  
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <CvBo19.FsG@news.Hawaii.Edu>, <1994Aug31.145924.17054@arrl.org>,  
<gregCvGGoD.6sM@netcom.com>t  
Subject : Re: Thanks, ARRL

Greg Bullough (greg@netcom.com) wrote:

: In article <1994Aug31.145924.17054@arrl.org> ehare@arrl.org (Ed Hare (KA1CV))  
writes:

: >Thanks, Jeff. It sometimes gets discouraging to work a 70-hour week (paid  
: >only for 37.5 of them) and then get here in the morning and see some of the  
: >usenet participants trash us for our imperfections.

: You begin to go down the wrong path when you mistake criticism for lack  
: of gratitude.

I only make that mistake with folks who choose only to show the criticism  
and keep the gratitude to themselves. :-) An understandable mistake, I hope.

: >Sadly, I often see that we are being criticized for not doing something  
: >we already do, or for doing something that we don't do;

: Education is part of running a business, too. It's called PR. Like it or  
: not, perceptions are real, and people make decisions based on them. If  
: people don't see what you're doing, then you need to be more effective in  
: showing them. That's all.

True indeed, however, I see this problem as a two-way street; I think that  
people who are going to make decisions about an organization share in  
the responsibility to be properly informed. Unfortunately, it is easy  
to miss something in the 200+ pages of information we publish in QST,  
the thousands of pages of information we publish in our books or in  
the megabytes of files we make available on our server and by ftp, etc.

: For example, you have here, rather than receiving a compliment with a  
: gracious 'why thank you,' responded with a laundry list of why this  
: forum makes you so miserable.

: Not real appropriate.

Part of the value of this forum is that we amplify and expand on each  
other's ideas. If I limit my responses only to exactly the subject at  
hand, and offer no original thought, each thread would die down in short  
order. Come to think of it . . . :-)

: >Even more sadly, I have seen us criticized  
: >\*appropriately\* on this forum \*instead\* of having the "constructive  
: >criticism" directed to the appropriate staff or to your Division

: >Director who \*can\* change League policy.

: Now this is VERY inappropriate. It comes across as trying to quash League Members' and other Radio Amateurs' expression of their thoughts in a public forum of their own choosing. For years, the staff, directors, and officers have had a forum of their own, QST, and have filtered dissenting opinions rather high-handedly. In fact, they frequently used the journal to belittle dissenting opinions.

: Ed, I don't know if it's what you intend, but it comes across as if you are saying 'go through channels, where we can decide what spin to put on your expression of opinion...'

Oh, that is not at all what I intended! I must admit that I am a bit surprised to see your reaction from someone who has an opportunity to see me for a few years on this forum. I had hoped that the emphasis of \*instead\* would communicate my intent. If it was insufficient for some, I do apologize. I keep forgetting that this group of fine folks is comprised of a wide spectrum of technical and social backgrounds and I guess that the things unsaid can be important. OTOH, it has oft' been pointed out to me that some of my posts tend to blather on and on and ... I was trying to cut to the quick of my communication without the usual pages of explanation about how and why I had come to believe as I do.

I find this forum to be quite useful, or I wouldn't use it. It has helped me to shape and sound out my ideas quite effectively. You may have missed the number of times I have said so.

: As a organization run by the Membership, the League doesn't have the luxury of putting on blinders. At this point, I frankly expect my Division Director to be reading this forum (I'm willing to see the League foot the bill for an account, which may also be used for League business-related e-mail, if that's what it takes) in order to stay in touch with what people are saying about things.

: But I \*really really\* have a problem with League Staff trying to get the membership to not voice their opinions.

Well, I re-read my post and just didn't see where I tried to get anyone NOT to voice their opinions. If I really stretch, I can read that into my choice of words, but that is not my intent -- never has been and never will be.

: To be blunt, Ed, it's not what I pay you for. Express any opinion you want in this forum, but do not, under your ARRL hat and signature, try and get the members you serve to be quiet. Or to re-direct them to a place where other members-at-large can't hear them. Don't.

I didn't. See below.

: >I encourage all rec.radio.amateur participants to make your views known to  
: >your Division Director, by mail, email, telephone or in person at his or her  
: >many appearances at conventions, hamfests and club meetings! The  
: >info@arrl.org files have a list of HQ and ARRL officers email addresses,  
: >postal mail addresses, telephone numbers, etc. See also page 8 of QST. This  
: >forum has produced many excellent ideas and a wide spectrum of amateur  
: >community opinion. If it worth saying it is worth saying to the ARRL  
: >Division Directors, too. All of the Directors I have met feel that they

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Now I think Jon Bloom's summary of my intent was more eloquent than mine,  
but I think I got the idea across. Let me sum it up by encouraging  
communication, here, with each other, with HQ staff and Directors.

We will never put the puzzle together by keeping the pieces inside the box.

73 from ARRL HQ, Ed

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<gregCvGGoD.6sM@netcom.com>  
Subject : ARRL to serve? or shape? (was Re: Thanks, ARRL)

Greg Bullough (greg@netcom.com) wrote:

: And, by the way, I also believe that the staff (that means \*you\*) should  
: exercise some restraint in counter-pointing the views of the membership.  
: We are, after all, an organization of members. The views of the members  
: prevail. The staff is there to serve, not to shape, the will of the Amateur  
: Radio community. Even if the staff believe that will is wrong. And yes,  
: most of the staff are members, but as such they must still take care not  
: to use their position to overly influence membership opinion, and to avoid  
: the perception of doing so.  
: ^^^^^

I agree, the HQ staff must exercise some restraint and must be viewed  
as representing this organization on all of their posts on this forum. The  
last time I said so, it erupted into a "League Censor" flame war, though.  
:-) Having said that, don't expect us not to be real people, with our own



individual ideas. Those personal ideas will color our posts and our membership contact. Very few things in life are black and white.

I think your choice of the word "overly" is the definitive part of what you said; we are here to both serve and to shape. The skill in doing our jobs comes from the balance.

Let me demonstrate that with an example: Mentally answer the question that follows.

QUESTION: "The amateur service continues to have problems with interference. Should the ARRL push to get susceptibility legislation to replace the voluntary standards for RFI immunity of consumer electronics equipment?"

I can almost hear the resounding "yes!" If I am proscribed from shaping amateur opinion, I can count the votes and set the appropriate action in place.

However, let me now shape amateur opinion on the issue by offering a point of view formed from several years of experience and thought:

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Susceptibility legislation is a two-edged sword. On one hand, there is a distinct benefit to force the manufacturers to build equipment that is immune to our legal signals. However, the current standards in US and Europe range from immunity of 3- to 10-volts/meter. These standards represent the state of the art that can be achieved without increasing the cost of TVs to be higher than an air-force screwdriver. It is not likely that we can get legislation enacted for much more than the current US standards of 3 V/m.

Approximately 90% of the 100-watt class amateur stations would not generate a field in a neighbor's house > 3 V/m. (10% would.) Most 1500-watt class stations would generate a stronger field. In most European countries, the immunity standards have the force of law. If we were to get immunity enacted here, there would be a real risk that once it is deemed best to take a legislated approach to EMI problems, that legislated approach would be applied equally(?) to the consumer equipment and RF emitters. If hams ended up with legislation that required us not to generate a field > 3 V/m, it would defacto limit the power of most amateur stations. This would also be a burden on amateur stations, who might have to prove their field strength to be below the limits. This is happening in several countries as we speak (any expansion from our European participants?)

For this reason, I recommend that we continue to work closely with manufacturers and standards groups to strengthen the process that is resulting in ongoing improvements to the immunity of consumer equipment, saving a legislated approach only for a last resort.

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I offer that the amateur community is much better served by my shaping of opinion on this issue rather than leaving each person to determine what is the best course of action, probably basing an opinion on less information that I have managed to gather in 5 years of being the ARRL RFI Desk. (Please do not read into this that I am prohibiting anyone from forming their own opinions on this, or any issue, using any amount of information they deem appropriate.) It does demonstrate that there are few black and white issues, or black and white rules on how HQ staff should conduct themselves. All in all, I think we have conducted ourselves with dignity and honor, and usefully, on this forum.

73 from ARRL HQ, Ed

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